

**HONOLULU LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING  
DECEMBER 5, 2003  
OAHU CIVIL DEFENSE AGENCY**

Chair Carter Davis called the meeting to order at 9:05 A.M.

**I. INTRODUCTIONS/REMARKS/ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

C. Davis welcomed everyone and gave introductory remarks. Attendees (list attached) then introduced themselves. The minutes of the August 12, 2003 meeting were approved as written.

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

**LEPC BUDGET REPORT, 1ST QUARTER, FY04**

Balance - 6/30/03	\$18,141.26
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- Expenditures

Continuing Challenge	6827.15
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Balance - 9/30/03	\$11,314.11*
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\*L. Nakai mentioned that resolutions authorizing the receipt of funds were adopted by the City Council and that the balance does not include FY04 funds. These funds will be reflected in the next budget update. Future LEPC funding will be included in the City's budget, and resolutions should no longer be required for annual receipt of funds.

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

**EPA UPDATE**

Mike Ardito, EPA Region IX, provided an update of EPA activities (attachment).

**HSERC MEETING, 8/21/03**

L. Nakai briefed the members on the August 21<sup>st</sup> meeting of the HSERC. Larry Lau stated that he is still researching the issue of interoperability, and will provide a report to the HSERC when completed. Hawaii County voiced a concern over the loss of qualified hazmat personnel, due to attrition and promotion. Their county is losing hazmat technicians faster than they can be replaced. Discussion led to the formation of a committee to study the issue and provide recommendations to the HSERC. C. Davis stated that the committee met and discussed the issue and came to the conclusion that the solution to this problem is a commitment of resources. Hazmat technicians can be retained if they receive adequate compensation. The committee recognized that it would take time and much

support before the situation is solved. They will initially approach the State Fire Council with this issue.

Hawaii County is also preparing to conduct a field exercise next year. Maui discussed their concern over a reduction in reporting facilities. Letters will be sent to former reporting facilities and county agencies that should be reporting. Kauai reported that the Stinger system is available on island, and that Stinger training was conducted. They also reported training with the 93<sup>rd</sup> CST. C. Davis provided the HSERC with an update of Honolulu LEPC activities.

C. Jung announced to the HSERC that there are no training funds for Hazmat Awareness training in 2004, and that future hazmat training funds could no longer be expected from State Civil Defense. He stated that departments must budget for all future required hazmat training.

The HSERC decided that the role of LEPCs and HSERC should be a future agenda item for discussion. Ed Teixeira then briefed the HSERC on upcoming background screening requirements for all transportation workers. The program is currently being reviewed, and if implemented will have a large impact on all transportation related industries.

#### **CONTINUING CHALLENGE HAZMAT WORKSHOP**

The Honolulu LEPC sponsored 5 HFD personnel to attend this workshop that was held in Sacramento, CA during September 2-5, 2003. Captain Mel Tsutsumi thanked the LEPC for sponsoring the firefighters, and provided an overview of the workshop. He reported that the Honolulu Fire Department, based on HFD attendees' initial evaluation at the workshop, is now considering several items of equipment showcased by vendors at the workshop for adoption.

#### **HAZMAT EXPLO/EPA REGION IX/NASTTPO CONFERENCE**

The HAZMAT Explo Conference took place in Las Vegas, NV during November 17-21, 2003. The conference provided the following 7 specialized tracks; Environmental, Radiological, 1<sup>st</sup> Responder, Emergency Planning, Industry, Medical, and Special. The EPA IX Region and NASTTPO also held conferences in conjunction with Hazmat Explo. L. Nakai gave some highlights from the keynote presentation by Mark Ackermann, Chief Corporate Services Officer of St. Vincents Hospital in New York City, on their experiences of September 11, 2001. New security plan requirements for shippers of placarded material under HM 232 were also discussed.

A great deal of the discussion at the NASTTPO Mid-Year Conference centered on LEPC funding, Homeland Security, the National Response Plan (NRP), and the National Incident Management System (NIMS). A new NIMS entity called the Local Emergency Prevention and Preparedness Council (LEPPC) and the potential linkage to the LEPC was discussed. FEMA also provided an update of their focus since becoming part of the Department of Homeland Security.

The EPA Region IX Conference provided Chemical Emergency Planning and Preparedness updates. Proposed changes to the Risk Management Program, new security requirements for chemical, drinking water and marine facilities were discussed. Kay Lawrence from the IX Region Emergency Prevention and Preparedness Office discussed focus areas for her office. C. Davis gave a presentation on the 2002 and 2003 Honolulu LEPC projects at a LEPC forum. The Honolulu LEPC also received an EPA Emergency Prevention and Preparedness Leadership Award for hosting the 2002 NASTTPO Conference and conducting the Operation Kalaehoa CHERCAP Exercise.

#### **C.L.E.A.N. UPDATE**

J. Vinton provided an update of C.L.E.A.N. activities. C.L.E.A.N. is still actively working with HPD to develop an evacuation plan for Campbell Industrial Park, and is working with HFD Station 40 on resource needs. The project to update the Emergency Resources Guide in 2004 and other potential training events were described. J. Vinton announced that he would no longer be the C.L.E.A.N. contractor after December, and another C.L.E.A.N. representative would handle future updates to the LEPC.

#### **HARBOR AREA PROJECT**

Paul Dixon of Dixon Risk Services, Inc. provided an overview of the recently completed Harbor Area Project. Forty-four sites were identified. Sixteen of these were hazardous chemical locations and 36 sites with potential fire/explosion hazards were characterized. EPA Risk Management Program worst case and alternative release scenarios were calculated and the data was entered into Cameo and plotted on Marplot. Copies of the report were provided to City first responders and several State agencies.

#### **AIRPORT AREA PROJECT**

L. Nakai then reviewed the Airport Area Project, which was approved by the HSERC at its last meeting. This \$20,000 project will assess facilities in the Honolulu International Airport and the Mapunapuna industrial areas. The project is expected to start in December 2003 and will be completed by September 2004.

#### **GAS COMPANY PROJECT**

J. Grimmer discussed a Gas Company project that assessed hazards posed by their facilities. Potential fire and explosion effects were determined for each Oahu site, the data entered into Cameo and plotted in Marplot. This information has been provided to the LEPC & HFD to assist with planning and response activities. Jack Grimmer and the Gas Company were thanked for providing the valuable data, and for supporting the Honolulu LEPC.

#### **IV. OTHER BUSINESS/OPEN DISCUSSION**

C. Jung discussed the recent State Homeland Security Summit, held during November 19-21, 2003. B. Ekimoto described upcoming facility visits by EPA, HEER Office, and the LEPC.

Denis Shimamoto, who is retiring at the end of the year, was recognized for his support of LEPC activities and for establishing funding protocols for LEPC projects. J. Vinton was also recognized for his many years of supporting and promoting the Honolulu LEPC. Jim recently retired from Tesoro and will no longer be the C.L.E.A.N. representative to the LEPC. Both received a Certificate of Appreciation for their contributions to the LEPC.

#### **V. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING**

The next LEPC meeting will be scheduled in January before the next HSERC meeting. The meeting adjourned at 11:05 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leland A. Nakai". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Leland" being more prominent.

Leland A. Nakai  
LEPC Coordinator

Attachments

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DECEMBER 3, 2003  
OAHU CIVIL DEFENSE AGENCY**

**ATTENDANCE LIST**

**VOTING MEMBERS:**

Carter Davis	HFD
Leland Nakai	OCDA
Shelley Wheeling-Park	HAH
Andy Keith	HECO
Glenn Moir	Transportation Services
Lope Salvatierra	Enterprise Services
Rick Stercho	ARC
Earl Nishikawa	Chevron
Jason Lorenzo	Environmental Services
Charles Lee	Department of Transportation
Ted Metrose	Tesoro
Tom Vendetta	Human Resources
Shirley Zhai	BEI
Elwin Spray	Neighborhood Commission
Tyler Sugihara	DFM
Steven Ogata	Department of Agriculture

**NON-VOTING MEMBERS:**

Denis Shimamoto	HEER
Beryl Ekimoto	HEER
Perry Ayers	MCBH
Lynne Nakamoto	USAGHI Environmental
Jim Vinton	C.L.E.A.N.
Jack Grimmer	Gas Company
Bob Korodan	Gas Company
Annie Lam	Tesoro
Melvin Tsutsumi	HFD
Walter Oda	HFD
Vernon Maguire	HFD
Walter Nozawa	HFD
Terry Seelig	HFD
Roy Murakami	HFD
Alan Sugihara	Navy Region Hawaii
Cynthia Pang	Navy Region Hawaii
Clem Jung	State Civil Defense
Mike Ardito	EPA Region IX